

ABSTRACT
STERILE ENCLOSURES

An inflatable sterile enclosure 1 is disclosed
5 comprising a flexible membrane 18 and at least a pair of
rigid or semi-rigid panels 13 which are arranged to
pivot outwardly relative to one another on each side of
the enclosure 1 as it is inflated. At least one of the
panels 13 is transparent and provides a window. The
10 enclosure 1 is preferably inflatable by a pressurised
gas source. The flexible membrane 18 may comprise a
plurality of support members arranged to define a
support frame for the enclosure when erected. The
support members may themselves be inflatable.
15 Peripheral sterile enclosures and surgical docks or
drapes comprising bactericidal substances are also
disclosed.

[Fig.3E]